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**Press Conference**

**“Sudan and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement”**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 10:00 am**

**2200 Rayburn House Office Building**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Just returning from Khartoum, during which authorities cracked down on peaceful protesters, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) will participate in a Capitol Hill press conference to discuss Sudan and the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

USCIRF will be joining Representatives Frank Wolf (R-VA), Donald Payne (D-NJ), and Chris Smith (R-NJ), and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS).

USCIRF is an independent, bipartisan U.S. federal government commission. USCIRF Commissioners are appointed by the President and the leadership of both political parties in the Senate and the House of Representatives. USCIRF’s principal responsibilities are to review the facts and circumstances of violations of religious freedom internationally and to make policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State and Congress.

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